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To: Federal Communications Commission

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Re: FCC NPRM&O, WT Docket 05-235.

To Whom It May Concern -

I am opposed to the proposal in 05-235 regarding elimination of the Morse code requirement for all amateur radio licenses. While no-code licenses are useful for entry level operators, I recommend that a 13 wpm Morse code test be required for the Extra class license. Morse code conserves bandwidth, is used world wide, and does not require expensive equipment. Morse code is well suited for long haul communications when no other mode can communicate through man-made interference and propagation fading/attenuation.

Please reconsider WT Docket 05-235.

Thank-you -

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